



NARBERTH RURAL DISTRICT  
COUNCIL

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1944

DR. E. W. PRICE - MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

OFFICERS OF THE NARBERTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

CLERK: Mr. C. Glynne Jones.

WATER ENGINEER: Mr. O.G. Evans.

SANITARY INSPECTOR: Mr. G.A. Rees.

TREASURERS: Barclays Bank Ltd., Narberth Branch.

Mayfield,

Narberth.

22nd May, 1945.  
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To The Chairman and Members of the  
NARBERTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.  
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GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the Year ended the 31st December, 1944, upon the health and Sanitary condition of the Rural District of Narberth.  
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The District has an area of 80,248 acres, and a population of 9,983. The Rateable Value is £22,803. The net product of a 1d. rate is £95. 2. 0. The District is bounded on the south by the Pembroke Rural District; on the west by the Haverfordwest Rural District and on the east by the Carmarthen Rural District. The length and width are 18 miles and 12 miles respectively.  
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#### Physical Features:

The character of the district is hilly. The inhabitants are mainly of the agricultural class. The industries such as slate quarrying and coal-getting have not functioned during the year.  
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#### Number of Deaths from :

(1)	Cancer.....	24
(2)	Measles (all ages).....	Nil.
(3)	Whooping Cough.....	6
(4)	Diarrhoea (under 2 years).....	Nil.

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#### Water

The Council's water supply obtained from the Prescelly Range has proved an immense benefit to the greater part of the area. Extensions of services to Villages etc. are being carried out. Ultimately most of the Dairy Farms and groups of Dwelling Houses will have a piped supply. The quantity and quality of the Water is most satisfactory.  
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#### Rivers and Streams

It is regrettable to find that pollution of rivers and streams does occur, chiefly by wash from farmyards and drainage from villages and dwelling houses on the banks.  
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#### Shops Act, 1934

The Shops are mostly small with few employees. The hours average 48 per week. Times for meals are allowed.  
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### Smoke Abatement

Action was not found necessary during the year.

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### Eradication of Bed Bugs

Nil.

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### Immunisation

Immunisation has been actively worked in the Rural District of Narberth. Owing to the majority of children responding to inoculation the dreaded disease of Diphtheria has been reduced to nil in the Rural District during the year 1944.

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### HEAVY Outbreak of Measles

There was a heavy **epidemic** of measles during the first six months of 1944 in the Rural District of Narberth. The majority of cases were of a mild type and no deaths occurred.

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### Cancer

The dreaded disease of cancer is still strongly in evidence in the Rural District of Narberth, it being a common cause of death. Early diagnosis has been the means of prolonging life through early operations.

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### Tuberculosis

The disease of Tuberculosis is still in strong evidence in this rural area, although doctors are very alert to early diagnosis by X-Rays etc.

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### Hospitals

- 1...Tuberculosis in Children - St. Brides, Pembrokeshire.
  - 2...Acute and Chronic Bed Cases - Sealyham Hospital.
  - 3...Maternity - The County Hospital, Haverfordwest.
  - 4...Diphtheria, Fevers and Small Pox :-  
Pembroke Dock Isolation Hospital,  
Begelly Isolation Hospital,  
Eglwysrwr Isolation Hospital.
  - 5...Surgical Cases - County Hospital, Haverfordwest.
  - 6...X-Ray and Dental work - County Hospital, Haverfordwest.
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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1944  
(Other than Tuberculosis)

Disease	Total cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths.
Small Pox	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	81	-	6
Scarlet Fever	9	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Measles	89	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Pneumonia	4	-	9
<u>Other diseases notifiable</u>			
<u>Locally:</u>			
Erysipelas	5	-	-
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	2	-	5
TOTALS	190	-	20

Non Civilian

Small Pox	1	-	-
Measles	1	-	-
TOTAL	2	-	-

T U B E R C U L O S I S

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1944

Age Period	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-
35	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	4	3	1	-	2	1	1	-

PARTICULARS OF BIRTHS FOR YEAR 1944

Males		Females	
Legitimate	Illegitimate	Legitimate	Illegitimate
78	8	74	4
Tot. 78	8	74	4
Grand Total.....164.			

STILL BIRTHS

Males.		Females	Totals
Legitimate	4	2	6
Illegitimate	1	1	2
Total	5	3	8



Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	9	5	14
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Totals	9	5	14

TRANSFERABLE DEATHS

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
4	6	10

DEATHS

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
68	74	142

Laboratories

Samples of Water for analysis: Biological Institute, Runcorn  
Sputum: The Cardiff County Laboratories  
Swabs: Swansea Bacteriological Laboratory and  
The County Medical Officer, Haverfordwest.

Ambulance Facilities

County Hospital - Ambulance available for general cases.  
Begelly Infectious Hospital - for Infectious cases.  
Ambulance service may be considered satisfactory.

Clinics

Narberth: Tuberculosis Clinic once a month  
Narberth: Baby Welfare once a week.  
Narberth: Orthopaedic every three months.

Drains and Sewers

Sewage is usually conveyed to cesspools. This system is unavoidable as dwelling are widely separated in the district. Where villages or groups of houses warrant the outlay, Sewers and Disposals should be provided.

Public Cleansing

The Scavenging of House Refuse etc. is now extensively undertaken by the Council.

Camping Sites

- 1...Number of Sites used.....Nil.
- 2...Number Licensed.....Nil.

Civilian Death rates for England & Wales  
Per 1,000 of total Population

All Causes.....	11.6
Scarlet Fever.....	Nil.
Whooping Cough.....	0.03
Influenza.....	0.12
Diphtheria.....	0.02

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Rates per 1,000 Live Births

Under 1 year of age.....	46.00
Under 2 years of age.....	4.80

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Schools: Sanitation and Water Supply  
Number in District:

County School.....	1
Council Schools.....	17
Non-Provided Schools.....	5

Owing to circumstances several of the schools still have the Conservancy System of Sanitation, but some have had water closets installed with cesspools.

Piped water is laid on wherever possible.

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Public Health Officers

Medical Officer of Health	1.
Sanitary Inspector (Certificated)	1.

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Eradication of Bed Bugs

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| 1. Council Houses infested..... | Nil |
| 2. Other Houses infested.....   | Nil |

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Closet accommodation in the District

Water Closets.....	42%
Pail Closets.....	33%
Privies.....	25%

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CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE NARBERTH RURAL DISTRICT AREA

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Typhoid and Para Typhoid Fevers.....	-	-	-
2. Measles.....	-	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever.....	-	-	-
4. Whooping Cough.....	2	4	6
5. Diphtheria.....	-	-	-
6. Influenza.....	-	-	-
7. Tuberculosis.....	2	1	3
8. Syphilis.....	-	-	-
9. Cancer.....	5	19	24
10. Cerebral Haemorrhage.....	-	1	1
11. Heart Disease.....	13	16	29
12. Pneumonia.....	3	1	4
13. Diabetes.....	-	-	-
14. Nephritis.....	-	-	-
15. Puerperal Sepsis.....	-	-	-
16. Premature Birth.....	2	1	3
17. All other Diseases.....	16	11	27
TOTALS.....	43	54	97

I am, Gentlemen;  
Your obedient Servant,

E. W. PRICE,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1944

1. Number of Inspections made.....	1563
2. Houses placed in habitable condition.....	78
3. Houses closed.....	4
4. Overcrowding abated.....	31
5. Common Lodging Houses inspected.....	-
6. Slaughter Houses inspected.....	-
7. Dairies and Cowsheds inspected.....	128
8. Workshops etc.....	22
9. Filthy Houses Cleansed.....	21
10. Houses disinfected.....	11
11. Houses erected or rebuilt.....	2
12. Water Certificates (issued).....	5
13. Wells Sunk.....	-
14. Wells Repaired.....	4
15. Wells Closed.....	1
16. Houses connected with Sewers.....	18
17. New Houses with Conservancy system.....	-
18. Number of New W.C.s. ....	18
19. Privy Conversions.....	18
20. Samples of Water Analysed.....	43
21. Samples of Milk Analysed.....	408
22. Compensation paid in respect of infected Articles Destroyed	1
23. Seizure of unsound Meat and Fruit.....	4

G.A. R E E S ,

SANITARY INSPECTOR.